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ANYWAY, our Jefferson City neighbors doubtless would now prefer the old as it was rather than to risk the new as it may be.

I DON'T know that I'm adverse to the State capital's remaining in Jefferson City; but most of us would like a little time to consider the matter.

OUR Mark Twain set down Teddy the Terrible as "a pest, a demagogue and a spectacle." And the humorist is gone beyond all Federal jurisdiction!

I HOPE there is to be no let-up in the probing of the St. Louis election of last November. If there is not a rich mine of rottenness there all signs fail.

THE Legislature, though in restricted quarters, is doing pretty well, thank ye, and will, it is said, complete its labors by the 15th of March—the \$5-a-day limit—or very shortly after.

THE insurrection in Mexico, after being repeatedly "crushed," still drags its fiery length along. According to reports, the Diaz troops are generally in the lead, with the panting insurgents close upon their heels.

THE Popper concerns itself greatly more with a longed-for defalcation by some Iron county Democratic official than it ever did with that accomplished theft of \$61,500 from the Republican guarded St. Louis Sub-Treasury.

AND now 'tis said the Panama Canal will cost a round billion of dollars. How much more profitably that enormous sum could have been expended within the bounds of the United States! How much more equitably and how much more to the benefit of all the people, who are called upon to foot the bill!

SOME of the grave and revered seigneurs of the Senate say there is danger in the move to have the people, by direct vote, choose the members of that body. The fear is well founded. There is danger—to some Senators. Their dignified places will know them no more when every citizen's right shall match his will. The Guggenheims, the Lodges, the Aldriches, etc., will be sent a-whirling!

SENATORS LODGE and Root are pining away with grief because the Southern negro doesn't get his "rights." But the white slave of the Northern factory and sweat-shop they o'erlook as in an aeroplane. Both Senators, when not pleading for Wall Street and the Privileged Interests, are arrant humbugs; but, being hemmed in and sustained by provincialism and egotism, perhaps they don't realize it.

THE only discreditable act that has marred my friend Elvins' two years in Congress comes with the closing days of his term. I allude to his attempt to serve his party at the expense of reducing Missouri's Congressional representation. The attempt failed, Hadley has crawled from under, and I think Politte, in the soon hereafter, will be glad that it did fail. He oughtn't to be as party-leader-hardened as his older fellow conspirators, who doubtless artfully seduced him from the straight and narrow path.

SAYS the St. Louis Mirror:

President Taft's commutation of the sentence of Fred D. Warren, editor of the *Appeal to Reason*, looks to me like a big fat cat playing with a badly wounded mouse. It is a mocking clemency. It taunts Warren with seeking martyrdom, and when what he sought was the establishment of a principle—equality under the law.

The President in his commutation, sneers at Warren when he says he would "question the wisdom of making the defendant conspicuous and feeding his vanity by treating him seriously when his violence, his exaggerations, his wild accusations, and his mock heroics ought to be treated with ridicule." Again says the president: "Petitions have been filed for defendant's pardon. He does not join in them. He prefers martyrdom," and then comes the commutation.

Not the glimmer of a suspicion that Warren might be honest in his attitude towards society and government and those prominent in either. Of course not. Society is perfect. Government is all right. Those prominent in either are immaculate, infallible, impeccable. This is the attitude of a man who never won a political job in his life, and who has had all things handed to him on a golden dish, who didn't even fight his own fight for the position he now holds but got it through the sweat of the Theodore Roosevelt pen and the Theodore Roosevelt larynx. Here's Warren, a man who fights fiercely for the rights of the people, and President Taft thinks the proper thing

to do with him is to make him ridiculous. And with Taftian genius for blundering he makes himself ridiculous, for he admits that Warren was sentenced for being a militant socialist under pretense of conviction of violation of postal regulations. How brave the fat man in the White House is! He jumps all over Warren. But its only a bad and cheap imitation of Roosevelt's jumping on Joseph Pulitzer and William M. Laffan. Still it is worthy of the man who bullragged Mr. Wallace for resigning the position of Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal. It is in character with the throwing down of Mr. Crane, appointed Minister to China.

But Warren wins. He has established the point he wished to make clear, viz. that the kidnapping that was lawful against Colorado Socialists is not lawful against a Kentucky Republican. "He wanted to see," says Louis F. Post, in the *Chicago Public*, "whether the judge-made law of Federal courts works with Republicans as with Socialists, and he has found that it does not. The Idaho kidnapers were protected against the Colorado Socialists; on the other hand, the Republican fugitive was protected against Socialist kidnapers." What Warren did is commonly done by chiefs of police, sheriffs, Pinkertons, bankers' associations, but they are not Socialists, they have never criticized the President.

Warren is denied for opinion's sake as clearly as if it were so nominated in the bond. The President's letter of the commutation admits as much. That the fine is reduced by \$1400 matters not. Warren is denied liberty of conscience, freedom of thought, freedom of printing. He is a Socialist; that is enough—at least to the only aristocrat that ever occupied the White House, the only occupant, at least, who ever got there solely through social and financial pull and the bequest of the influence of his predecessor.

That's all very well, perhaps, as to President Taft, and the *Mirror's* criticism on the Warren case is just; but what of the predecessor of the "aristocrat" in the White House? It was he, smarting under an exhortation given him by the *Appeal to Reason*, as Warren avers, who superinduced the prosecution. It has been printed—and I have never seen the story denied—that Roosevelt ordered the District Attorney at Fort Scott to have Warren indicted for violating the postal laws, and when that official, after due and careful examination, informed His Mightiness that Warren had violated no law and there was no case against him, the response was flashed back, "Make a case!" The "case" was "made," and with its "leavings" President Taft, unfortunately for himself, has to do as best the conditions permit. Of course he should have put the commutation of the sentence—virtually a pardon—upon the true ground, viz. that the "case" ought never have been "made." But he is human, and evidently feels that the easiest way out is best; and that to jolt his official progenitor rudely would be unseemly and savor of ingratitude. Praise to the President for his act of justice, even though he do it behind a screen!

LINCOLN.

On another anniversary of this thy natal day
We at the shrine of blest remembrance homage pay.
And, as we bow our heads to-day in reverent prayer,
We seem to breathe the incense which from thy good deeds rose.

"Thy good for us to know, in this age of pride and self."
That in thy time thou didst eliminate all thoughts of self;
And thought that only of thy country's good and thou didst aim
To tune all souls alike to love's immortal strain.

Righteous apostle of freedom, thou didst by thy unwavering will,
Fill many hearts with joy, which heretofore had sought but grief to fill;
And they and their descendants, millions strong, accord thee glad acclaim,
Who with thy love humanity toward all, their champion became.

Cut off just as the fruits of thy great works began to show,
Which watered by thy country's tears could never fail to grow,
And, though thou didst not live to see fruition of thy will,
We feel to-day thy spirit presence abiding with us still.

Freedom's immortal martyr, Heaven grant, thy hours of pain, of travail and of anguish, may not have been in vain;
And may our country's progress toward the good, the free, the right, reflect the image of thy life, in full self-giving bright.
A. L. WILLARD.
February 12th, 1911.

County Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

School fund loan of R C Martin ordered canceled.

Petition presented and granted to extend corporate limits of Pilot Knob.

Clerk ordered to advertise for bids for lease of county farm.

Settlement with Tyler Keathley, roadoverseer, and allowed \$52.49.

Drew Lewis, roadoverseer, annual settlement, and allowed \$126.82.

Edward Bolch, roadoverseer, annual settlement, allowed \$34.75.

G W Sutherland, roadoverseer, annual settlement, and allowed \$17.31.

C P Damron, prosecuting attorney, \$100.

Sol Nelson, roadoverseer, annual settlement, and allowed \$34.03.

Wm Sherrill, support of Nancy Jones, \$12.

Sarah A Russell, waiting on J Poston, small pox, \$5.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

J M Shrum, roadoverseer, annual settlement, and allowed \$56.40.

R A Dunn, roadoverseer, annual settlement filed and allowed, \$3.63.

Peter Sumpter, overseer, annual settlement filed, and allowed \$103.17.

J C Russell, annual settlement, and allowed \$33.95.

Nancy Lax, support of two children, \$8.

County clerk ordered to purchase a surveyor's record for surveyor.

Jno I Marshall, work at court-house, \$6.

School fund mortgage of G W and L F Ownby ordered canceled.

Jno Marshall, support of poor, \$3.50; same, board of prisoners, \$176.50.

Joe Selinger, roadoverseer, annual settlement, and allowed \$124.09.

Nelson Bell, roadoverseer, annual settlement, and allowed \$15.72.

W O Wren, annual settlement, and allowed \$13.05.

Luther Scott, appointed justice of the peace of Dent township.

Dr N A Farr, medical attendance on smallpox, \$3.

Massey Ruble, merchandise furnished smallpox, \$2.35.

J H Chilton, supplies and service to Jos Poston, smallpox \$17.

W M Long, work done on road, \$21.21.

Court examined school bonds.

T E Holloman, roadoverseer, annual settlement, and allowed \$20.88.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

J M Whitworth, supplies for poor, \$1.80.

Iron County Bank, interest on county warrant, \$19.80.

Ruble White, same, \$8.40.

State Hospital No 4. \$538.10.

Dr G W Farrar, attending smallpox cases, \$12.50.

Buxton & Skinner, stationery, \$60.17.

Cretoline Mfg Company, disinfectant, \$10.

Wm Blue, roadoverseer, annual settlement and allowed \$21.60.

School fund loan of Rosa McDowell made.

Thos Fitzgerald, roadoverseer, annual settlement and allowed \$22.10.

T D Jones, disbursing school money, \$69.72; postage, 1910, \$11.40.

Financial statement for 1910 ordered made.

Special Reductions CONTINUED.

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Days of Week.		Days of Month.		Temperature.		Precipitation.
		High.	Low.	High.	Low.	
Wednesday	8	46	29		
Thursday	.....	9	49	20		
Friday	.....	10	48	15		
Saturday	.....	11	44	33		T
Sunday	.....	12	44	36		
Monday	.....	13	59	36		T
Tuesday	.....	14	67	46		45

NOTE--The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "CT" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.